[Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai.]

(2) What was the number of pupils who sat for the examination and what was the number that passed?

(3) What was the percentage of success amongst the first year students in class VII?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) 8,063 at the beginning, and 8,206 at the end, of the year.

(2) 4,167 pupils sat for the examination, of whom 1,273 passed.

(3) The information is being collected.

Travancore Economic Journal in Malayalam.

8. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are satisfied with the agency that conducts the publication of the Travancore Economic Journal in Malayalam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Now that they are satisfied with the Malayalam edition, will the Government be pleased to consider the recommendation of the Economic Development Board to publish this journal in Tamil also?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Though it does not arise strictly as a supplementary question, I may say that the matter will be considered.

Contracts for the Supply of Arrack.

9. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 200, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th Medam 1101, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) whether tenders were invited at the time when the period of contract for the supply of arrack was raised from two to four years;

(*b*) if so, the number of Travancoreans who sent in their tenders, together with their names and the amounts of their respective tenders;

(*c*) whether any of the Travancoreans who sent in tenders were given the contract; and, if so, their names and the amounts of their respective tenders;

(*d*) the names of the persons who are now given the contract for four years and also their contract amounts;

(*e*) the names of the persons who were given contracts since 1096, and the contract amount of each of them; and

(*f*) (i) whether any Travancoreans applied for this contract since 1096; and

(ii) if so, whether they were given the contracts; and, if not, the reasons for not giving the contracts to them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Messrs. T. V. Krishna Aiyar and partners, Vadiveesvaram, Nagercoil. The supply rates quoted by them were Bh. Rs. 2-6-7

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